Productivity agreement with Aircraft Engineers has been concluded but is yet to be implemented.

Productivity payments are based on norms which are agreed with the respective Unions/Association/Guilds, hence the question of making productivity allowance payment to other categories does not arise.

Expenditure incurred on Diamond Jublee of Civil Aviation

897. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expenditure incurred by Indian Airlines, Air India and the International Airports Authority of India for celebrating the Diamond Jublee of Civil Aviation;

(b) whether the employees of Air India and Indian Airlines and IAAI were given monetary gifts and gifts in kind;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the purchase procedure of Government was followed while purchasing gifts in kind?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines, Air India and International Airports Authority of India have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 4.53 crores. Rs. 9.33 crores and Rs. 2.57 crores respectively on account of Diamond Jublee celebration of Civil Aviation.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines made one time payment to its employees ranging from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 3000 depending upon their length of service. IAAI made one time payment to its employees ranging from Rs. 3000 to Rs. 5500 depending upon their length of service. Air India had distributed Wrist watches to their employees and special invitees at a cost of approximately Rs. 1.42 crores. The Employees were also given one time payment ranging from Rs. 4000 to Rs. 5500 depending upon their length of service.

(d) A Committee constituted by Air India had invited offers from HMT, Allwyn and Titan. Only HMT and Titan submitted their quotations and samples. The comittee selected Titan watches.

Violation of guidelines issued to Air Taxi Operators

898. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Inland Air Travel Tax (IATT) outstanding for payment to Government by Bombay-based Air Taxi Operator, East-West Airlines;

(b) whether non-payment of IATT is a violation of guidelines issued to Air Taxi Operators by the Director-General of Civil Aviation; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken against such violations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As in February, 1993 an amount of Rs. 14.28 crores was outstanding against M/s East West Airlines.

(b) Air Taxi guidelines issued by the DGCA does not contain any reference to the payment of IATT.

(c) Show Cause Notices have been issued by the Competent Authorities of the Customs Department to the defaulting air taxi operators under the provisions of IATT Rules, 1989 for recovery of the outstanding dues.

Complaints about the selection of staff in Trivandurm International Airport

899. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any complaints about the selection of staff in Trivandrum International Airport; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?